

REMARKS

Objections to the specification

Applicants are submitting a Clean Substitute Specification; and a Marked-up Substitute Specification. Corrected drawings and a corrected abstract are attached. In addition, the specification has been amended to reflect the correct provisional application number (i.e., 60/464,630) and to include a brief description of the drawings. No new matter has been added.

Rejections under 35 USC §112

Claims 3-6 and 8-19 have been rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph. In part, the amendments to the claims render the rejections moot. In part the rejection is traversed.

In paragraph (c) the Examiner is objecting to the phrase "tissue-selective gestagens." The phrase "tissue selective gestagens" is well known to one skilled in the art. Page 3 of Applicants' specification teaches that tissue-selective compounds have a higher affinity to specific tissue receptors. Further evidence of this well known concept can be found in the attached article by Winnekar RC, *Steroids* 68 (2003) 915-920 which provides steroid receptor specificity studies. Additionally, US 20030232824 (copy attached) teaches non-steroidal progestins that selectively modulate progesterone receptor mediated effects in different target tissues. In the context of claim 8, this coingredient needs not further definition of the tissue involved.

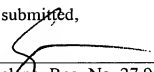
Thus, it is respectfully requested that the rejections under 35 USC §112 be withdrawn.

Other Matters

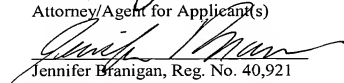
A copy of DE 10151114A1 and its corresponding English language equivalent US20030171345 are attached.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,



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